

COCKBURN SOUNDINGS

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A message to the people of Cockburn from the City's Commissioners...

Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves, as well as assure all residents and business people, that we are here to help and to maintain the high level of local services you currently enjoy.

• Julian Donaldson

Julian comes to the City as the Chairman of the Commissioners as well as currently being an Advertising Executive. Julian served as Mayor to the Town of Cottesloe for three years, and additionally as a Councillor for seven.

• Jenny Smithson

Jenny is a planning professional and Associate Director of BSD Consultants Pty Ltd. Jenny served as a Commissioner with the Shire of Albany prior to its amalgamation with the Town of Albany and ultimate City status in July of last year. She is also the Deputy Chairperson of Commissioners.

• Murray Jorgensen

Murray has served for twenty five years within Local Government, including ten years as the Chief Executive Officer to the Town of Albany. He is presently a Management and Business Consultant.

As Readers may already know from news reports and other sources, we have been appointed by the Minister of Local Government to act in the place of the Councillors of the City of Cockburn, following their suspension as a Council by the Minister. The duration of our stay in this role can not be determined at this time, however we will keep you, our Customers, informed of any relevant progress and activities via this publication and the local Media.

We jointly take this opportunity to reassure every person who lives and works in Cockburn, that it is "business as usual" for the everyday services and operations of the City. As your

Commissioners, we intend to liaise and work closely with the City's Management and Staff to ensure that operations and activities of the City continue to run smoothly. Public attendance and participation will continue to be welcome and encouraged, with all advertised meetings remaining unchanged. If you have any doubts regarding venues, times, agendas or any other concern, please contact the City's Staff who will be delighted to assist you.

For those who like to attend meetings held in the Council Chambers, your next visit will show a slightly re-designed format of the furniture to make the room less "cavernous", in view of the temporary reduced numbers of people around the table. Some good news is that the new upgraded public address system has been installed and allows all conversation within the Chamber to be heard with ease.

We look forward to serving you in our capacity as Commissioners. Should you wish to contact any or all of us,

**please telephone the Chief
Executive Officer's Secretary on
9411 3401 to obtain our details.**



City of Cockburn
Commissioners,
Murray Jorgensen
(left) Julian Donaldson
(centre) and Jenny Smithson.

A LOCAL LANDMARK

Over 50 specialty shops including Big W, Coles and Woolworths. With a huge variety of fresh food, fashions, home wares, gift ideas and more, Phoenix Shopping Centre offers you more choice.

But we're more than just a great place to shop. We're also an important part of the community. Each year, we throw open our doors to local charities and community groups to help them raise money. We also sponsor local sporting groups and put on numerous displays, highlighting the achievements of people in our community.

If you enjoy variety and shopping somewhere with a real community feel, it must be Phoenix Shopping Centre.

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City's **NEW** Internet Site Amazing!

If you type in www.cockburn.wa.gov.au you will see one of the most innovative Internet Sites of all local governments. The new City of Cockburn Internet Site is packed with more than 200 pages of informative and useful information about the City and the Council's Services and information. On top of this, as people enter the site, they are met with a "flash" introduction, which looks like something from star wars!

The Site has been set up into seven simple sections. They are: Council Services, Council Information, City Libraries, About Cockburn, Things to see and do, Community Information, and Happening Events. The site even has the City's Annual Report. Why not check out the City of Cockburn Internet Site and email your comments and suggestions to webmaster@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

"We see the City's Internet Site very much like a magazine that needs to be updated to remain relevant and current to its readers," Council's Webmaster Sandy Gaskett said.

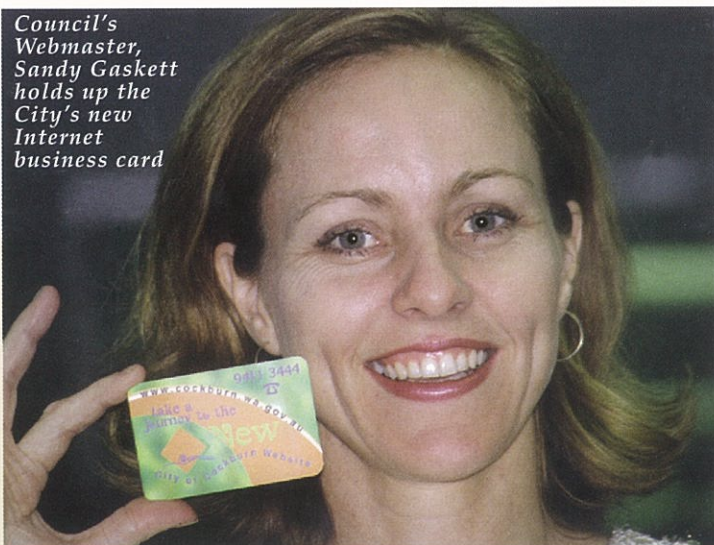
"We're very keen to hear what the community would like on the site and get their feedback about the site."

The City's Internet Committee who comprised of five staff members from different divisions of Council, spent a year gathering and collating the information and content for the site.

People can access information ranging from the dwellings and population of each suburb in Cockburn, the history of Cockburn, the location and times of free immunisations, information about Councillors and Council meeting times, through to dads-n-kids playgroups and the Ultimate Strategic District Plan for the City.

The City commissioned award winning Internet design company Dow Digital to design the site, who has also designed the award winning Henley-Saab site, the Wildcats and West Coast Eagles sites, as well as numerous WA government sites including the WA Tourism Commission site and the Premier's Site.

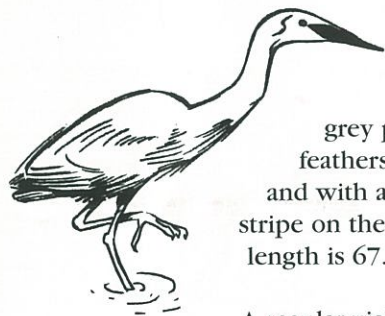
Council's Webmaster, Sandy Gaskett holds up the City's new Internet business card



Future developments of the City's site that are being investigated include being able to make payments for rates and dog registrations online, a youth chat line for young people, building licence application forms and other application forms which one day after legislation is passed may simply need to be e-mailed back. Ms Gaskett said the City had received more than 200 'hits' or visits to the site in its first week of going online, which was a fantastic response ■

Visit the **City of Cockburn Web site** at www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

What do these two birds have in common?



The White-faced Heron has a two-tone grey plumage, with flight feathers darker than the rest, and with a white face and white stripe on the throat. Its average length is 67.0cm (male larger).

A regular visitor to Alcoa's Wellard Wetlands, it can be found stalking about in the shallows catching unwary prey.

The Wellard Wetlands were created following the extraction of clay for use in Alcoa's Kwinana alumina refining operations. What was once degraded farmland has become high quality conservation wetland, catering for over 100 bird species.

Promoting the health and well-being of the environment is an Alcoa Value.



The Boeing 747-400 generally has a white or silver plumage, however will display other colours depending on habitat. Its length is 7066.28cm.

A regular visitor to Perth, this aircraft is constructed using aluminium.

Alcoa of Australia's WA Operations is the world's largest supplier of alumina the feedstock used by smelters to produce aluminium. Alcoa produces 6.7 million tonnes of alumina a year from its three refineries in W.A., with the Kwinana Alumina Refinery producing around 1.9 million tonnes a year.

Providing products and services that meet or exceed the needs of our world-wide customers is an Alcoa value.



Kwinana Alumina Refinery

Railway for Thomsons Lake

Premier Richard Court announced the Master Plan for the South West Metro Railway which is from Perth to Rockingham and Mandurah.

According to the Master Plan the railway line is to be constructed to Thomsons Lake by the year 2005.

Premier Court confirmed that the railway will be built to Thomsons Lake with a connection to Rockingham and Mandurah subject to their funding options being approved, at the opening of the Gateways Shopping Centre.

The Master Plan shows that there was two years worth of design and documentation for the railway. This included addressing social and environment issues, land acquisition, engineering design and document, and design and documentation by architectural consultants.

"In the interim Transport WA has introduced a direct bus service from the Gateways Shopping Centre to Perth with Park-n-Ride facilities," City of Cockburn's Strategic Planner Allen Blood said.

The bus service operates every 15 minutes to Perth in the morning peak period and every 20 minutes in the afternoon peak period to Gateways.

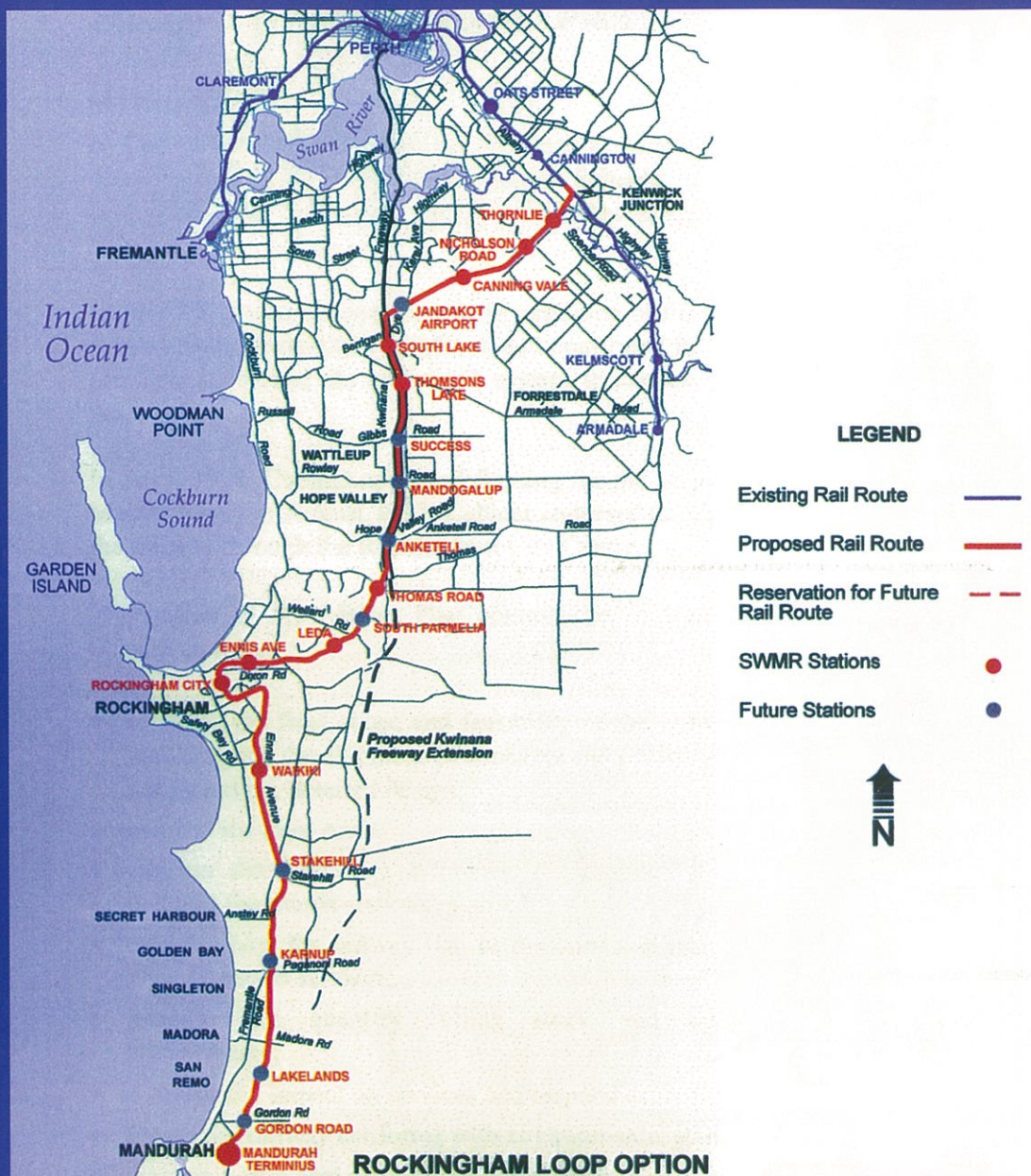
"This offers residents a much needed, greatly improved public transport service to Perth," Mr Blood said.

After analysing the Master Plan, Mr Blood said that it was part of a total package of improvements which the Department of Transport is developing for the South West region in consultation with Council.

"It is all part of Transport WA's 'Better Transport' 10 year plan announced in April 1998.

The decision to locate the railway in the median of the freeway has resulted in the need for designs for the freeway bridges located at Berrigan Drive, Beeliar Drive, Russell and Rowley Roads in Cockburn to be modified. The program for their construction has now been put back some six months.

According to Mr Blood, Main Roads WA were about to award the tender for the design and construction of freeway bridges, but now has to redefine the project and re-tender the works ■



Adventure on!

If you're 14 or 15 years old, the Cockburn Adventure Club wants you! On the second Saturday of every month, the Cockburn Adventure Club will have an exciting day full of outdoor challenges with an overnight camp.

"We'll be going abseiling, canoeing, caving, bush walking, and teaching young people how to use a compass, pack for camping bush and much more," organiser Corrine O'Sullivan said.



The Adventure Club is fully supervised by professional, qualified staff and is being run by the City of Cockburn Community Youth Program. Membership is only \$25 for the six-month program with all adventure outings and activities FREE.

To register your spot and get more details, call Corrine on telephone 9434 1483. Book early as spaces are very limited.

Proudly sponsored by the City of Cockburn and MainPeak Australia Outdoor Adventure Store.

Fire service levy

Ratepayers will soon have a new fire service levy introduced onto their rates. It has been estimated that the levy for property owners will be an average of \$80.00 per property. City of Cockburn's Director of Finance and Corporate Services Aussie Crothers has explained why and how the new levy has come into place.

The operational costs for fire protection for the Permanent Fire District coverage in 1998/99 is budgeted at \$305,000. The operational costs for the Cockburn Bushfire Brigade coverage for 1998/99 is budgeted at \$350,000. By paying for both costs through the general rates, property owners have contributed to both services.

In May 1998 State Cabinet took a decision to change the funding arrangements for the Permanent Fire Districts, through the introduction of a property levy based on Gross Rental Value (GRV). On 2 November 1998 Cabinet formally approved the introduction of the new Fire Service Levy, effective 1 July 1999 with Local Government Authorities being reputed to be the collection agents for the levy. Local Government Authorities will include on the existing General Rates Notice a separate line item identifying the levy as a State Government charge. The levy collected will be forwarded to the Fire and Rescue Service on a monthly basis.

Currently insurance policy holders in WA contribute 75% of the operating cost of the permanent fire service. The balance is financed 12.5% by local government, with collection from ratepayers through their General Rates, and a further 12.5% by the State through general revenues. The insurance industry contribution is actually financed by policy holders through a loading on their property insurance premiums. This loading is known as the "Fire Service Levy (FSL)". It follows that only those property owners who are insured pay the levy.

All property owners under the protection of the Fire and Rescue Service will now contribute to its cost by way of the State Government Levy. It has been estimated that the levy for property owners will be an average of \$80.00 per property. The contribution made through general rates will reduce as Local Government will only have to pay an amount that reflects the levy on Council owned property. Insurance Companies are required to refund pro-rata fire levies charged beyond 1 July 1999 already paid. This should take place by the end of August 1999.

A Question of Equity

Under the current system all ratepayers contributed to the cost of fire coverage for the entire municipality. Under the new system introduced by the State Government, those property owners covered by the Permanent Fire Service will not be charged a levy to cover the costs of the Service. Those property owners not covered by the Permanent Fire Service will not be required to pay the levy. The question then arises, as to why the property owners who pay the levy should also contribute to the cost of the Volunteer Brigades that do not cover their properties. As a matter of equity Council considered it appropriate for the property owners who are covered by the Volunteer Brigades to contribute towards the cost of the Brigades.

Council has decided that from 1999/2000 onwards property owners in the area covered by the Volunteer Brigades should bear the operational costs of that service (disregarding all costs associated with Council's statutory responsibilities in regard to fire control) by way of a Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades levy ■

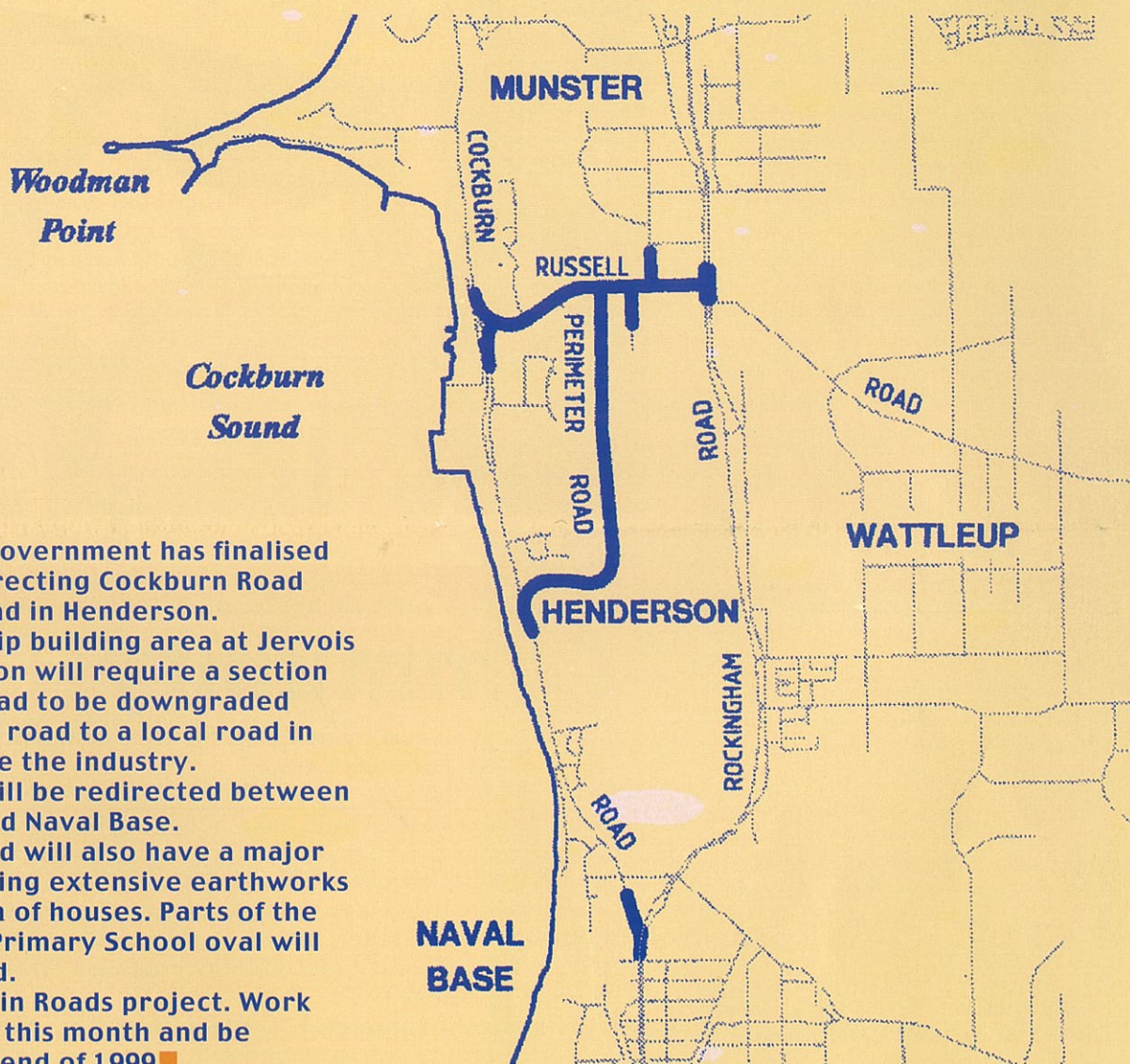
Get a loader this!

Les Campbell of the Waste Services Section operates the new rear loader

City of Cockburn's Waste Services have just taken delivery of a new Rear Loader Waste Collection vehicle designed especially to service our Commercial Customers. This \$230,000 vehicle is used principally to collect 1100 litre bins from schools and businesses throughout the city as well as 240 L MGB's from flats, shopping centres & parks.

Les Campbell & Rob Southall are enthusiastic about the improvements that International & MacDonald Johnston have developed for their new vehicle and hope they will be through their rounds in half the time. This vehicle replaced a similar one which had collected in excess of 490,000 bins and 8,800 tonnes of waste in its seven years at the City of Cockburn. It is likely to retire to a caring contractor for collecting Greenwaste from Perth's verges ■

Cockburn Road re-directed



The State Government has finalised plans for re-directing Cockburn Road into Russell Road in Henderson.

The new ship building area at Jervois Bay in Henderson will require a section of Cockburn Road to be downgraded from a through road to a local road in order to service the industry.

The road will be redirected between Russell Road and Naval Base.

Russell Road will also have a major upgrade involving extensive earthworks and resumption of houses. Parts of the South Coogee Primary School oval will also be affected.

This is a Main Roads project. Work will commence this month and be finished by the end of 1999 ■

Jervois Bay Facts

Most of you would have heard about the controversial Industrial Port at Jervois Bay, located in part of the Cockburn Sound. Where does the City of Cockburn fit into all of this? We have spelt out the facts for you in this brief run down on the Jervois Bay Industrial Port.

Fact 1

The WA Government recently passed in parliament to rezone 60 hectares of land in Henderson to industrial. A large portion of this is the ocean which will be filled and reclaimed as land by the State Government.

Fact 2

The Jervois Bay Industrial Port will be located at the southern end of the industrial ship building area in Henderson.

Fact 3

Approximately 700m of undeveloped foreshore which is currently zoned Reserve Parks and Recreation, and is located south of the already developed industrial area was rezoned to industrial. The foreshore area to be developed for industrial purposes does not include the Challenger Beach Caravan Park area and a further 1.1 kilometres of foreshore is to be retained.

Fact 4

Council strongly opposed the development on the grounds that the development is environmentally unacceptable.

"Council resolved in December 1998 to reaffirm its opposition to the project based on the fact that is environmentally unacceptable in the areas of sea grass, water quality, onshore and offshore impacts," City of Cockburn's Manager of Environmental Services Darren Walsh said. According to Council's Strategic Planner Allen Blood, Mr Walsh lobbied hard on behalf of the City against the industrial development on environmental grounds ■

Gateways Opening Sets Records

Around 24,000 people streamed into the new Gateways Shopping Centre located at the intersection of Beeliar Drive and Kwinana Freeway at Success, on Sunday March 21 to attend the biggest retail opening in Perth in 10 years.

Another 15,000 shoppers went through the doors at Gateways on the second day of trading when all other shopping centres in Perth were open. Less than 12 minutes after Premier Richard Court officially opened the centre, the 1000 parking bays at Gateways were filled, and traffic leading into the centre was blocked. More than 103,000 people had shopped at Gateways by the end of the week.

Premier Richard Court contributed the plans for the Perth to Mandurah railway to the time capsule commemorating the opening, which elicited spontaneous applause from the crowd. Natalie from Atwell Primary School contributed digital images taken at the school and Scott from Jandakot Primary wrote some thoughts about school life in 1999. The time capsule will not see daylight until 2020. The Scitech displays in the centre were popular at the opening. The planetarium showing the night sky, the virtual reality games, demonstration and computer bank from Scitech continued for the next month into the first week of the recent school holidays.

The Jandakot Primary School choir entertained the crowd at the opening. Competitions at Gateways over the next month include a \$65,000 home block at Thomsons Lake and weekly travel prizes.

Shopping centres provide valuable meeting places for developing communities and I'm sure that Gateways will serve this purpose. Gateways have indicated that they are keen to work in cooperation with local community groups, sporting groups, and schools to assist in their promotions.

The new centre also offers the commercial and employment growth in the area. There will be excellent job creation opportunities for the local area, both during construction and now staffing the stores.

The Gateways Shopping Centre is set to be the largest shopping complex in the City of Cockburn and this is the first stage of what will become a major centre for the southern corridor.

Gateways contains 38 specialty shops and will eventually expand to almost three times that amount over the next 20 years to become a truly 'regional centre' ■



It's a Community thing!

Have you ever heard of the South Lake Ottey Family and Neighbourhood Centre?

It's the building at the start of South Lake Drive located behind the petrol station in the South Lake Shopping Complex and has activities and programs that may be ideal for you and your family! (Not to be confused with the Lakes Shopping Centre!)

The centre provides a focus for the community to work together for a wide range of activities, including a range of parenting groups, playgroups, arts and crafts, holiday programs for school children, and community projects.

The recently completed "Growing Together" garden project is a good example of the community of South Lake working together in harmony.

"The project involved locals digging, planting, path laying and painting a mural on the garden shed in the children's play area," Centre Coordinator Margaret Auld said.

The garden is still growing and stage two of the project will begin in this month.

If you are interested in this project, have ideas for other projects or would like to drop in to the centre to find out more about the programs and facilities ■

They are located at 2A South Lake Drive, South Lake or call Margaret or Terri on telephone/fax 9417 2372.

New clubrooms for Nicholson Reserve

The City of Cockburn has spent \$228,000 on building works which were carried out to Nicholson Reserve in Yangebup. The oval now has new clubrooms and change rooms. As well as the new facilities, refurbishments and additional facilities were added to the Yangebup Hall near the oval.

The tile roof was replaced with a modern metal roof for security and maintenance purposes; additional storage space was built and disabled toilet facilities were constructed.

The building works were completed by Aspect Constructions ■

Community Team-up to Relocate Bushland

The Wetland Education Centre and the Bibra Lake Primary school have been busy translocating plants from a bushland area at the intersection of Annois and Parkway Roads in Bibra Lake which was bulldozed recently.

"Council assisted the school and Wetland education Centre by translocating a number of Blackboys and Zamia's," Council's Environmental Technical Officer Paddy Strano said.

The local community was jointly involved in salvaging the piece of locally significant banksia woodland that was cleared for development. Developers Satterly Real Estate rescheduled some of their operations to help with the salvaging operation. Native Animal Rehabilitation Centre (Native ARC) trapped and relocated native fauna to another site. Parents and students from Bibra Lake Primary School transplanted small seedlings from the site for incorporation into a bush corridor they have established on the school grounds in March 1999.

Cockburn City Council provided machinery and manpower for the salvaging of Xanthorrhoeas (grasstrees or balga) and Macrozamia (zamia).

"Both plants are very slow growing and mature plants can be centuries old. The zamia is a cycad an ancient plant that is the forerunner of flowering plants and conifers," Mr Strano said.

Salvaged plants have been transplanted in the adjacent grounds of Bibra Lake Primary School and in the nearby Bibra Lake Reserve.

Expertise and assistance was provided by the Wildflower Society for collection of seed.

The Rocla sand mining company assisted with the transportation and spreading of topsoil which is an important source of seed for use in rehabilitation with mulched vegetation in the primary school, and in degraded banksia woodland at the Bibra Lake Reserve ■



Banksia Woodland Project

A major revegetation project is underway at Bibra Lake in the heart of the Beeliar Regional Park.

With the help of the Kings Park Board, the Friends of the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre are undertaking a project to reestablish banksia woodland on a degraded area of the reserve to the east of Bibra Lake. The project is being coordinated by the Wetlands Education Centre's landcare coordinator, Rex Sallur, and its environmental education officer, Denise Crosbie. They are coordinating the efforts of volunteers from Friends of Cockburn Wetlands and the Murdoch Branch of the Wildflower Society and the Wetlands Conservation Society who are helping with a huge range of tasks including seed collection, germination, planting, weed and rabbit control, flora and fauna surveys.

The land was previously used for many years for grazing and was until 1973 the site of a commercial dairy farm run by the Fortini family.

Since the cows were removed the weeds have taken over and the area was ravaged annually by fires until the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre was established in 1993. Since then volunteers working with the City of Cockburn, have begun to reverse the degradation and restore the original woodland. With support from Alcoa, Australian Paper, the Water and Rivers Commission and the City of Cockburn the group has planted more than 5000 trees on badly degraded areas. All of these are local area species.

The former secretary of the Friends group, the late Dr Ian Miller, brought this work to the attention of Kings Park board, who offered to assist the revegetation efforts using smoked water techniques they have pioneered in Western Australia. Together they applied to the Gordon Reid Foundation for Conservation for funds to carry out the 20-hectare revegetation project and in June 1997 they were finally successful.

The Gordon Reid Foundation is providing \$109,000 to the group for the purchase of a vehicle to apply the smoked water and to carry out future maintenance and aftercare. In addition the Friends have purchased a garage with seed storage area and landcare equipment. Kings Park staff advise the group on regeneration techniques and some funds are used to employ specialist contractors to spray noxious weeds and to carry out flora surveys.

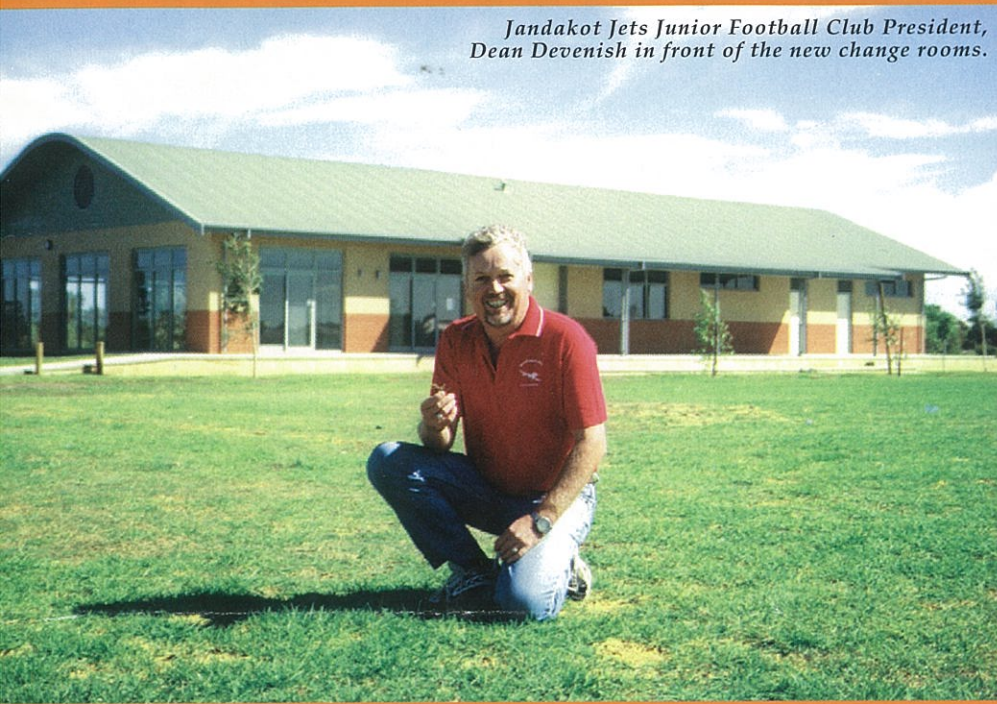
The head of the Kings Park team is Dr Kingsley Dixon and the project officer is Grant Wells. They are excited by the challenge of adapting their regeneration techniques to this new situation and involving volunteers in much of the work.

"If the project is successful it could serve as an example to other groups and local authorities who are seeking to revegetate similar areas of degraded banksia woodland," Dr Dixon said.

Over the next few years visitors to the Bibra Lake reserve will be able to observe the gradual restoration of this valuable wildlife habitat to its original condition. With public concern about urban bushland at such a high level the success of this project will be a major boost to the efforts of those who are fighting to save our bush heritage ■

Atwell Oval on the up and up!

Jandakot Jets Junior Football Club President, Dean Devenish in front of the new change rooms.



The Atwell Sporting Complex on Brenchley Drive was recently completed for \$500,000 and included new change rooms, a spacious 40 bay car park, a function room, property store room, and trainers room.

\$18,000 worth of play equipment will also be installed next to the clubrooms by June 1999.

The official opening was held on April 18th 1999, the first game of the football season for the local junior football club Jandakot Jets, who will use the clubrooms and oval as their home grounds.

The City of Cockburn commissioned Peter Hunt Architects and Creative Building and Development Company to design and build the new facilities, which are now open to the public.

There are two large change rooms, one male and one female change room, and each change room has four showers and durable indoor/outdoor style carpet. With 40 bays, the car park has easy access and room to move.

"Cockburn Council is very pleased with the quality of workmanship and the way the facilities blend in with the environment," City of Cockburn's Manager of Engineering John Radaich said.

He commended Peter Hunt Architects for their design who had created a unique building, particularly with the arched roof structure.

"The complex looks stylish, modern and not intrusive and is user friendly."

At 12m long by 9m wide, the function room is 105m², and is surrounded by a shaded verandah area three metres wide for spectators and outdoor social use. There is also a new canteen, new property storeroom and trainers room.

Jandakot Jets Junior Football Club and the South Fremantle Colts Football Team will train on the oval and use the new rooms as their clubrooms.

"Summer sports are also being considered to use the new facilities for their clubrooms," City of Cockburn's Recreation Services Coordinator Andrew Ward said.

Friars Report in

The Fremantle Rockingham Industrial Area Regional Strategy (FRIARS) was released at the end of March 1999. The City of Cockburn was not consulted during its preparation.

City of Cockburn's Strategic Planner Allen Blood said that Cockburn Council was now in the process of assessing the alternatives and their impacts and to seek any additional pertinent information from the Commission because in their view there are still unanswered questions.

"We also obviously want to tune into the community response before formulating a response for Councillors consideration in June 1999," he said.

According to Planning Minister Graham Kierath the draft Fremantle Rockingham Industrial Area Regional Strategy recognises the Kwinana industrial area as the State's premier industrial site and a vital source of employment.

"The State Government recognises that the recommendations will affect many people living in the region," Mr Kierath said.

He said that it was time to provide them with some certainty over their future and implement plans that will, in the long term, position the Kwinana area as an industrial area of national importance.

The draft strategy will be open for public comment until July 1, 1999.

"The strategy provides four options ranging from maintaining the status quo through to an option for maximum industrial development – the recommended course," Mr Kierath said.

"If this option was approved, properties in Wattleup and Hope Valley would be rezoned to commercial industrial.

"Every effort would be made to ensure landowners are paid a fair price for their land or home and would be able to relocate to a similar property at no net cost."

**Residents can contact the
Community Information Centre
at Wattleup on 9437 2155.**

**Any sporting group
interested in use of the
oval and facilities or
anyone who would like to
become involved in
forming a club should
contact Dean Devenish on
telephone 941 4 6672.**



Private Swimming Pool Inspections

Under the Local Government Act, Council is required to inspect all private swimming pools within the City at least once every four years. This means the next swimming pool inspections program will commence in July 1999 and must be completed by June 30th 2000.

"The swimming pool legislation requires private swimming pools to be inspected by authorised officers to ensure the pool fencing, gates and barriers comply with the Building Regulations," City of Cockburn's Acting Principal Building Surveyor Chris Paton said.

In addition to this, pool owners are required to continue to enclose their pools in accordance with the regulations and maintain the fencing/gates and barriers on a regular basis.

Mr Paton said swimming pool inspections were introduced by the State Government in 1991 to help prevent the tragic loss of young lives from drowning.

The Local Government Act allows Council to impose a uniform fee on all owners of properties with private swimming pools to cover the estimated cost of inspections in that financial year.

Therefore a swimming pool levy will be included in the Council's rates notice on all properties with private swimming pools.

City of Cockburn's Building Services will be coordinating the inspection program and all pool owners will be advised prior to inspections being undertaken in particular suburbs or localities.

If you have any enquiries about the inspection program please contact the City's Building Services on telephone 9411 3595.

Sound Food News

Good news! FoodSafe is alive and well in Cockburn. The number of establishments sporting the FoodSafe sticker is steadily growing with seven new premises taking the food safety program on board since January 1999.

You can now enjoy food handled with care from:

- Luscious Lunches, Bibra Lake
- Wendy's, Phoenix Shopping Centre
- Gallery Function Centre, Bibra Lake
- Rocky Road Café, Phoenix Shopping Centre
- Cooper and Hammond Lunch Bar, Jandakot

Workers at Cockburn Cement and AMCOR Fibre Packaging can also feel safe knowing their canteen operators, Eurest Catering have completed the FoodSafe program. Hungry workmen from Cockburn Cement certainly seemed happy enough knowing their lunches have been prepared by staff trained in food hygiene.

The City is generously extending their offer of a FREE package to all food premises, not to mention the FREE helpful advice of their FoodSafe coordinator Ms Joanne Abbiss.

If you wish to take advantage of this great offer or want to know of other FoodSafe premises near you just contact Environmental Health Services on 9411 3595.

City seeks your views on Coastal Strategy

A three month public comment period for City of Cockburn's Integrated Coastal Management Strategy began recently, and Cockburn Council is keen for people to ring and get a free copy of the strategy and give their comments on it.

The strategy looks at the coastal strip running from South Beach through to Challenger Beach. City of Cockburn's Environmental Manager Darren Walsh said the strategy was the first holistic look at Cockburn's coastline which made recommendations for long term land use and management.

"The key points deal with planning and recreation issues, social and cultural aspects, and environmental management issues," he said.

"The strategy really doesn't suggest a lot of changes, but offers improvements and development of facilities to cater for long term recreation use."

"I would encourage everyone to get a copy and give us their feedback."

Contact Council's Environmental Management section on telephone 9411 3505, fax 9411 3416 or e-mail darren@cockburn.wa.gov.au for a copy of the report. The public comment period closes on Monday June 21st 1999.

\$2 Theatre Workshops

Rediscover your own creative skills in a fun atmosphere at the Silver Gum Creative Theatre Workshops. The workshops are a City of Cockburn Cultural and Recreation funded project for seniors and people with a disability.

"The workshops are a community-based project and are an exciting new concept directed at promoting creativity, self esteem, self expression and fun," organiser Pia Madrigali said.

The theatre workshops will be held at Memorial Hall on the corner of Rockingham Road and Carrington, Hamilton Hill commencing soon.

The workshops only cost \$2.00 per session which is put toward providing tea and coffee for people.

To book your spot, phone Pia 9314 6363. Book early to avoid disappointment.

North Lake Road- works and traffic lights now complete



Traffic lights are now operational at the intersection of North Lake Road and Omeo Street to help reduce traffic accidents, delays and periodic congestion in the area.

Road works have also been completed along the North Lake Road stretch between Bibra Drive and Elderberry Drive in South Lake after they commenced in November 1998.

The road works included widening of North Lake Road and allows for the provision of traffic signals at Omeo Street and Elderberry Road if they are required in the future. Traffic islands and turning lane modifications were also installed by the Council to satisfy Main Roads WA requirements for the traffic lights.

"The road works project was one of the City's most extensive and difficult projects. We carried out road works in the area with the purpose of trying to move traffic through quicker and easier," City of Cockburn's Manager of Engineering John Radaich said.

According to an independent traffic study, traffic signals at the North Lake Road/Omeo Street intersection will provide the necessary breaks in the traffic flow for Elderberry Drive traffic to enter North Lake Road with reduced delays.

Once the traffic adjusts to the new road layout, Council will monitor the traffic to determine the success of the roadworks.

Lakes Shopping Centre owners Erceg Management paid for the traffic lights (over \$100,000) while the road works were carried out by and paid by the City of Cockburn at a cost of approximately \$420,000.

"We have taken this very positive step in the interests of the residents of South Lake, Bibra Lake, Yangebup, and Jandakot who need safe and convenient access to modern shopping facilities," Greg Pearce Director of Erceg Management said.

The Council also made the decision to install traffic lights at the intersection of North Lake Road and Osprey Drive later if they are required.

The traffic study of North Lake Road between Bibra Drive and Berrigan Drive was completed by independent traffic consultants Uloth and Associates and was based on traffic flow during the morning and afternoon peak periods. Lane requirements were based on traffic flows for the year 2006.

The City of Cockburn commissioned the study to get recommendations on the most suitable measures to allow more convenient access for motorists to enter and exit the suburbs of Bibra Lake, South Lake and Yangebup and the Lakes Shopping Centre ■

Lynn needs help – NOW!

The City of Cockburn is putting together a cultural policy and plan. Lynn Hazelton has been appointed as the Cultural Development Coordinator to carry out these projects and is seeking your input.

"I would love to hear from anyone who has ideas about what is great about living in Cockburn and what would improve their quality of life and sense of belonging to their community". In particular Lynn would like to know:

- 1 What is your favourite place and event in Cockburn?
- 2 What do you enjoy about living in Cockburn? eg beach, bush
- 3 What would you like to happen in Cockburn? i.e. cultural workshops, events, performances, artworks, rap dancing, singing, visual arts, jamborees etc.
- 4 Who do you know that wants to be involved in the doing, making, teaching, planning and organising of the arts and cultural life of Cockburn?

Lynn will also be developing a cultural map of the City.

"To do this, we are asking you to tell us what is out there, where you go, what you do, who you meet, what is important to you, what was good in the past and good for now and in the future," Lynn said.

"We want to know your ideas, hopes and dreams, and beliefs."

In short, we want your story. Also, the City will be forming a Community Cultural Development Advisory Committee ■

**Contact Lynn on telephone 9411 3502
or e-mail her on:**

lyn@cockburn.wa.gov.au

•Growing Culture in Cockburn•

July Holiday Swimming Lessons

The South Lake Swim School will again be running a vacation swimming program during the July school holidays.

The program is being offered to children from the age of three to adults.

Enrolment forms are available from the swim school at South Lake Leisure Centre from June 1st. The lessons run from Monday to Friday, with morning sessions only available.

The classes last 30 minutes each and in keeping with the swim school's quality standards, there is a maximum of six students per class.

The cost is \$55 per child which includes pool entry and lesson for the child, and entry for a spectating parent.

**Don't let those cold, wet, miserable,
winter holidays get you down.
Phone 9417 3003 to book.**

Rural Street Numbering a Reality

Rural roads in the City of Cockburn now have their often confusing lot numbers replaced with more logical street numbers.

About 1000 properties in parts of Coogee, Banjup, Jandakot, Success, Atwell, Yangebup, Beeliar, Munster, Wattleup, and Henderson have new addresses.

The Department of Land Administration started erecting the new numbers with the help of the Cockburn Lions Club in March.

The rural lot numbers were replaced by a sequential number, which was based on the distance from the start of the road.

For example, a property with 90 as its street number now would be 900m from the start of the road, and No.150 would be 1500m or 1.5km from the start of the road.

Odd numbers are on the left-hand side of the road and even numbers on the right.

The numbers are based on intervals of 20m.

Land minister Doug Shave said that emergency vehicles would find it easier to get to rural addresses because the system followed a logical sequence. It also gave an indication of how far away the property was from the start of the road.

"This is a method that's being used throughout the metropolitan area and we believe it is greatly assist land owners in receiving mail and other notifications," City of Cockburn's Director of Planning Steve Hiller said ■

People can call DOLA on 9273 7214 if they have any queries with the new numbering system.

Year 2000 Celebrations!

The Year 2000 with the new millennium is fast approaching us! And the City of Cockburn will be holding celebrations throughout 2000 to commemorate the new century.

The City of Cockburn Centenary of Federation Advising Committee is looking for new committee members who want to help organise activities for the year 2000 celebrations.

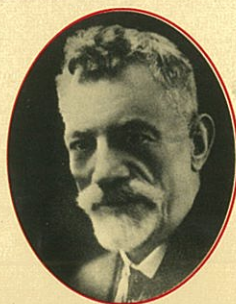
Local community organisations with an interest in holding special events to mark the Century of Federation are invited to contact Council's Arts and Cultural Development Officer Susan Clark on 9411 3433 to discuss their proposals.

So why not get involved, as an individual or as part of a community group you may be part of.

The types of events we are keen to hear about are cultural events, which demonstrate the cultural diversity in Cockburn; events which celebrate our history; events which bring the total Cockburn community or local community together. Be creative as we are very open to suggestions ■

WATSONIA

Part of the Cockburn community
for 90 years



Watsonia and Watsons are among the few names known to all West Australians for generations.

The firm's founder, William Watson, opened his first luncheon room in Fremantle in 1895. His business grew because he sold quality product at a reasonable price, and soon he had 11 outlets throughout the metropolitan area.

Mr Watson moved to the present Watsonia site in Spearwood in 1909 where he used the latest technology - including a sausage machine

powered by a horse - to produce his smallgoods.

In the 90 years since that historic move, Watsonia in Spearwood has carried on its founder's tradition of providing quality and value.



Robb Jetty a winner!

City of Cockburn's Robb Jetty in Coogee recently won the Judges Achievement Award for improvements made to the coastal strip, in Keep Australia Beautiful Council's Best Beaches Awards in WA.

And no one was more pleased with the award than Cockburn Council's Environmental Manager Darren Walsh, who was closely involved with landscaping the area, and building a park and car park.

"Robb Jetty is actually one of the few relatively untouched beaches in the metropolitan area which is quite rare and adds to its beauty," he said.

Natural, untouched coast at Robb Jetty, Coogee, with new landscaping which includes a new park with gas BBQs, shelters, and a car park, knabbed the award for the City. "The City of Cockburn in conjunction with the Department of Commerce and Trade and the local community should be very proud of what has been achieved over the recent years. It was truly a great success on the part of the City of Cockburn to win this inaugural prize," Executive Director Peta Monley from Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA said.

"Robb Jetty is actually one of the few relatively untouched beaches in the metropolitan area which is quite rare and adds to its beauty," City of Cockburn's Environmental Manager Darren Walsh said.

A joint venture between the City of Cockburn and the Department of Commerce and Trade resulted in the beautification and park and car park area near Robb Jetty, coined the North Coogee Landscape Project. DOCAT contributed approximately \$1.7 million toward the project, with City of Cockburn injecting \$500,000 in funding to the project as well as carrying out most of the works.

"The North Coogee Landscape Project returns a substantial tract of foreshore land to the community after decades of industrial use," Senior Project Officer for DOCAT Rob Gates said.



Left: Rob Gates from DOCAT with Darren Walsh proudly show off Cockburn's award. They are standing in front of the "Clear the Course" sculpture.

The formerly degraded and neglected site, which extends approximately 1.5km along the coast, from Robb Road to South Beach, has been transformed.

It is now an exciting recreation asset with unique art works that will stimulate interpretation of a rich and social and industrial area.

A wrought iron sculpture by artist Anne Neil, depicts Western Australia's first horse race, held on the beach in 1833, titled "Clear the Course", lies about 100m south of the jetty site.

Seven horse and rider outlines, fluidly wrought from iron, suggest the participating Timorese ponies and the title reflects documented pre-race calls by stewards■

Foundation Day Citizen of the Year

Do you know someone who you think is worthy of Citizen of the Year for the City of Cockburn?

If you do, fill out the form and post it to us, or e-mail applications to:

sue@cockburn.wa.gov.au

To be eligible for the award, a nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to the City of Cockburn in any field, whether it be in sport, business, community service or another area.

Nominations for the award will be accepted up to Monday, May 17th 1999 and should contain the following information:

- Copies of supporting documents that can accompany the application
- References or referees contact details.

Contact Sue in the Chief Executive's Office on telephone 9411 3401 if you have any queries.

The Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year Awards are presented at the Pioneer Day Luncheon hosted by Council on Friday June 4th 1999 at the Cockburn Civic Centre■

I would like to nominate:.....

Citizen of the Year.....

Young Citizen of the Year.....

Community Event of the Year.....

My reason for this nomination:.....

Nominator's name:.....

Address:.....

Suburb:..... State:..... Contact Phone No.:.....

No postage stamp required but please place in an envelope and address to:

**REPLY PERMIT No. 2
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